REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TC/AU 2622

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshinori Ootsuna et al.

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AMENDMENT "B"

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2010 (Paper No. 20100423). The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on July 28, 2010. Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 1 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.